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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES' VISIT TO

WARSAW: FIRST IMPRESSIONS

1. OMNES, QUAI DIRECTOR SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN
AFFAIRS, TOLD EMBOFF FEBRUARY 28THAT QUAI WAS PLEASED
WITH RECEPTION POLES HAVE ACCORDED FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES
DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT. QUAI WILL NOT RECEIVE
REPORT UNTIL DELEGATION RETURNS THIS WEEKEND, AND
THEREFORE DEFERRED DETAILED BRIEFING UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK.
IT WAS ALREADY CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT SAUVAGNARGUES' TRIP HAD
SUCCEEDED IN PAVING WAY FOR GISCARD'S JUNE VISIT AND
ADVANCING FRENCH-POLISH ECONOMIC RELATIONS. MORE
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IMPORTANT THAN THESE TECHNICAL ASPECTS, OMNES SAID, WAS

FACT THAT SAUVAGNARGUES AND PLANNED GISCARD TRIPS TO POLAND APPEAR TO BE SUCCEEDING IN MAKING FRENCH-POLISH RELATIONS AN EXEMPLAR OF "WHAT IS POSSIBLE" IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS. FRENCH, HE SAID, ARE TRYING TO ILLUSTRATE IN CONCRETE RATHER THAN IN ABSTRACT TERMS HOW "CSCE PRINCIPLES CAN BE APPLIED."

- 2. ONLY UNFORTUNATE ASPECT OF EVOLVING FRENCH-POLISH RELATIONS, OMNES SAID, WAS THE CONCURRENT AND INCREASINGLY PUBLICIZED DETERIORATION OF WARSAW'S RELATIONS WITH BONN, A PROBLEM WHICH PUT PARIS IN A "DIFFICUTL POSITION." FOR EXAMPLE, QUAI WAS UNCOMFORTABLE ABOUT PUBLISHED AFP REPORTS THAT POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI IS SAID TO HAVE DISCUSSED WITH SAUVAGNARGUES POLISH "DISENCHANTMENT" WITH BONN. OMNES VOLUNTEERED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT GERMANS HAD RECENTLY ASKED THE QUAI TO BE HELPFUL WITH POLES ON THEIR BEHALF (SEE PARIS 4674). HOWEVER, OMNES SAID, ON STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, QUAI FEELS THAT BONN HAS BEEN A BIT TOO "STIFFNECKED AND INFLEXIBLE" WITH THE POLES RECENTLY, AND, IN ANY CASE, DID NOT REPAT NOT INTEND TO GET INVOLVED IN RESOLVING FRG-POLISH TENSIONS.
- 3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH DETAILS ARE YET TO COME, IT IS CLEAR QUAI IS SO FAR PLEASED WITH ITS EVIDENT SUCCESS IN WARSAW AND IS TAKING SOME POLITE PLEASURE IN BONN'S SIMULTANEOUS TROUBLES WITH THE POLES. RUSH

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